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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM DECISION OF EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner, dated November 25, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 6, and 9-34.

The items checked below are appropriate:

| 1a. | () | A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the final rejection was filed on |
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3. (X) The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the Assignee International Business Machines Corporation's Deposit Account No. **09-0456** the sum of \$500 in connection with the filing of the Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.191. The Patent Office is also hereby authorized to charge or credit any under or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **09-0456**. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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